INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Report Date: 22 March 2015

Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	Х	Burial Location Identified	Χ
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	Χ
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	Χ
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Ledingham, George Herbert	i	Canada Cemetery	<u>link</u>
43 rd Battalion	i	Tilloy-les-Cambrai, France	I
Corporal #859287	i	Plot 2 Row C Grave 23	I
Date of Death 1/10/1918	<u>link</u>	Date of Burial / Exhumation	
Attestation Papers	<u>link</u>	Cemetery Schematic	<u>link</u>
Service Record		Graves Registration Report	5
Circumstance of Casualty	1	Concentration of Grave	
CEF Canada Register		Headstone Register	
War Diary Extract(s)	2	Casualty Spreadsheet	
Area Map(s)	3	Trench Map Exhumation	
Trench Map(s)		Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List	4	Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List		Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Other		Reporting and Review	6

Summary of Findings:

The "Graves Registration Report Form" for Canada Cemetery Tilloy-les-Cambrai for Plot 2 Row C Grave 32 lists an UNKNOWN CORPORAL of the 43rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry who was killed in action of October 1, 1918.

Corporal George Herbert Ledingham was the only Corporal of the 43rd Battalion killed on that date that is listed as an unknown on the Vimy Memorial.

Details of Findings:

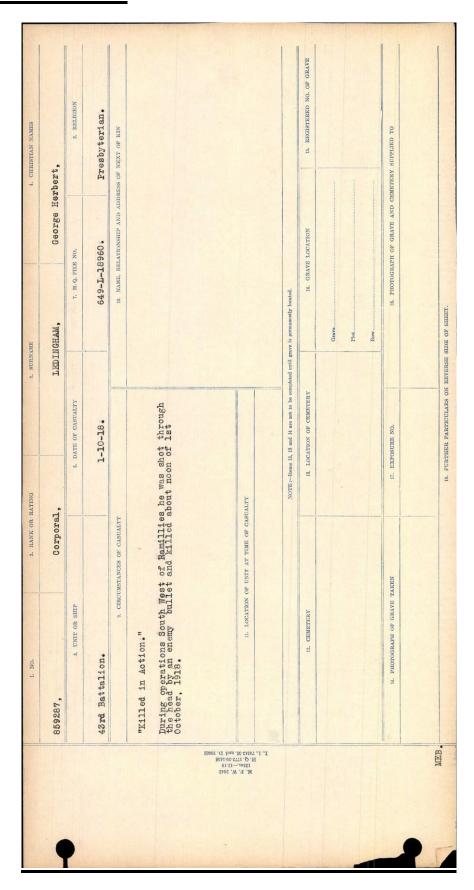
The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 2 Row C Grave 32 are those of Corporal George Herbert Ledingham of the 43rd Battalion, Canadian Infantry. The findings are based on the following:

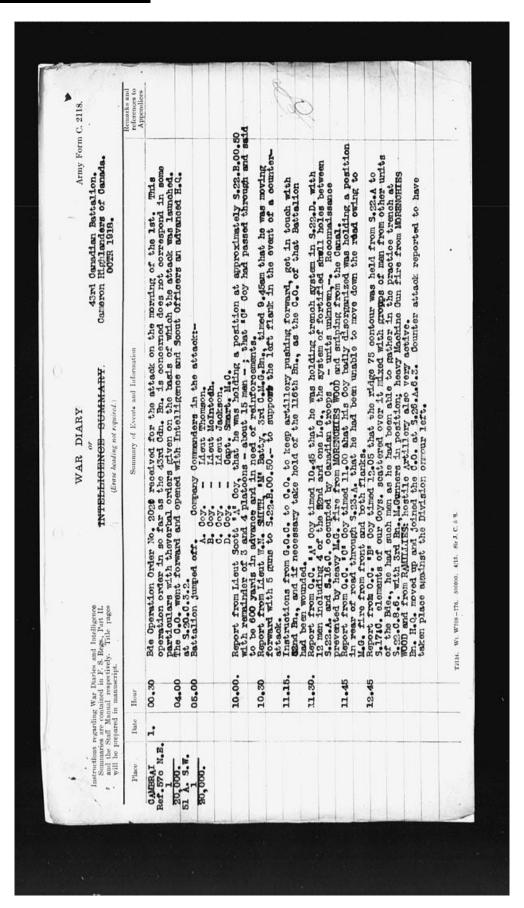
- 1. The "Circumstance of Death" file reports that Corporal Ledingham was killed in action during operations southwest of Ramillies when he was shot through the head by an enemy bullet and killed about noon on 1st October 1918 (Attachment #1).
- 2. The 43rd Canadian Infantry Battalion had crossed through Tilloy and was southwest of Ramillies near Morenchies Wood (Attachment #2). That matches exactly what is on the Circumstance of Death report.
- 3. The operations of the 43rd Infantry Battalion as described in the War Diary Extract is depicted in area maps of the battle at that time, all of which are in agreement (Attachment #3).
- 4. The records of the CWGC show that there at nine (9) unidentified Corporals of the 43rd Infantry Battalion with unknown graves, as listed on the Vimy Memorial (Attachment #4). Of these, only two (2) were killed in 1918 and of those only Corporal Ledingham was killed in the action of September-October 1918.
 Corporal Craigen was killed in the Battle of Amiens some 64 km to the south of Ramilles, almost 2 months earlier.
- 5. The "Graves Registration Report Form" lists the remains in Plot 2 Row C Grave 32 to be those of a Corporal of the 43rd Battalion Canadian Infantry killed on October 1, 1918 (Attachment #5). Corporal Ledingham is the only soldier of the Canadian Expeditionary Force that matches that exact description by date and location.

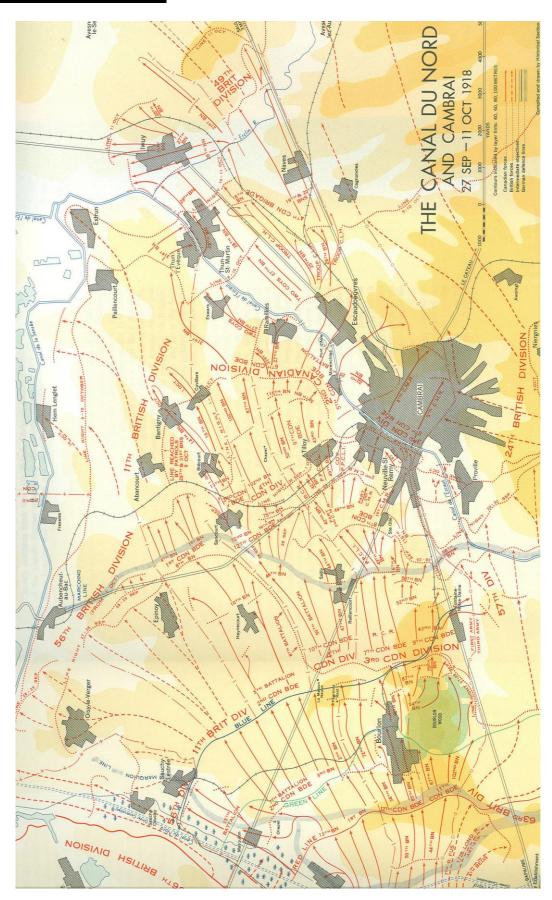
Action Required:

The "Investigative Report" has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #6).

It is our belief that the investigate report on the unknown soldier in Plot 2 Row C Grave 32 at the Canada Cemetery in Tilloy-les-Cambrai, France is conclusive. It is suggested that the headstone and grave records of the CWGC be amended to show that the remains in that grave are those of Corporal George Herbert Ledingham of the 43rd Canadian Infantry Battalion killed in action of October 1, 1918.







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Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
ALLAN, JOHN	Corporal	71237	21/09/1916	22	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽
BLACKMAN, HERBERT HENRY	Corporal	153140	08/10/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽
CLARK, WILLIAM	Corporal	153574	08/10/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
CRAIGEN, CHARLES	Corporal	738392	08/08/1918		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽
LEDINGHAM, GEORGE HERBERT	Corporal	859287	01/10/1918	31	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
LYDIARD, GEORGE GILMOUR	Corporal	151038	08/10/1916	24	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽
MARTINDALE, JOHN MARK DERWENT	Corporal	420644	04/10/1916	31	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
REID, DONALD	Corporal	421087	08/10/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽
WEAKLEY, H	Corporal	153091	21/09/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	₽

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	do	225229	MITCHELL	PTE.R.W.	11	V	30
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This "Reporting and Review" attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:

All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.

Guideline Criteria for Submission:

Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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